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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the requirement for the new Oath and Declaration

identifying the application number and filing date. Applicant states that a modified Oath will

be provided and notes that the ownership rights of this Application has recently been

transferred, and the new owners are in the process of having the original inventor execute the

appropriate corrected Oath and Declaration. A copy of this corrected Oath will be submitted

as soon as it is received. Applicant also requests that the Examiner recognize the new Power

of Attorney that has recently been submitted in this Application.

In regard to items 2 and 3 in the Office Action, the appropriate corrections to the

Specification and Drawings have been made as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by

the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior

art references of record, whether considered alone or in combination, fail to either teach or

suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention. More specifically, Applicant's claimed

invention is directed to providing an incremental change in an attribute associated with the

object, each of a plurality of times that the object has been selected. Applicant submits that

the prior art references of record provides no teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding

this advance in the art.

More specifically, Applicant's claimed invention advantageously allows users to

readily identify when an object has been selected, and beyond simply knowing when the

object has been selected, the user is provided with information concerning the number of

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selections of that object. Neither the Kohno reference, nor the Bedard reference, nor any

other reference of record, discloses or suggests modifying an attribute incrementally to

change the attribute of the object each time the object is selected for a plurality of selections.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner

now allow all claims in the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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